GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:584
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2008
MEMBERSHIP OF CENTRAL TRADE UNIONS
Meghwal Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Trade Unions registered as Central Trade Unions during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of conditions/criteria adopted for designating a Union as Central Trade Union; and

(c) the total membership of Central Trade Unions at present in the country, State-wise and Union-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (c): As per the provisions of the Trade Unions Act, 1926, the Central Government is the "appropriate Government" in relation to Trade Unions whose objects are not confined to one state and in relation to other Trade Unions, State Government is the "appropriate Government. The Central Government has delegated their power to State Government to register the Central Trade Unions under Trade Unions Act, 1926. Therefore, the number of Trade Unions registered, State-wise is not centrally maintained. However, the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) Organisation conducted the General Verification of registered Trade Unions affiliated to various Central Trade Union Organisations (CTUOs) with 31.12.2002 as the date of reckoning, for the purpose of determining the strength of the CTUOs in order to give them representation in International and National Conferences, Committees, Councils etc. A copy of the finally verified membership of Central Trade Unions, State-wise and Union-wise is annexed.(b):According to the procedure agreed in the Standing Committee, all those Central Trade Unions Organisations which have verified membership of at least five lakhs spread over in at least four States and four industries are given status of Central Trade Union Organisations.